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Hoekstra Votes to Unconditionally Support Troops

House Passes Bill that Ties Hands of Troops, Rewards Politicians with Billions for their Votes

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, today voted to support members of the Armed Forces with no strings attached.

“Providing our troops bravely standing in the breach of war against radical militant Islamists with immediate and unconditional support should be simple,” Hoekstra said. “Instead, a bill to provide them with the resources that they need has become a vehicle to tie their hands with dangerous conditions and timetables and rewards politicians with billions of dollars for their votes.”

Hoekstra today voted against legislation (H.R. 1591) that creates artificial benchmarks for the war against radical Islamists and spends more than \$20 billion on unnecessary spending in congressional districts throughout the United States that is completely unrelated to the effort.

“I am disappointed in the bill and am concerned that it sends the enemy the wrong message, but the House has spoken,” Hoekstra said. “I stand behind U.S. troops and intelligence professionals 100 percent, and despite the restrictions I hope that they are able to use the funding to fight and win against followers of an ideology of hatred that is committed to eliminating free societies throughout the world.”